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✓ This is an interview with Robert Saugle the materials to be used for a biography of Arthur Snow Aug. 14-1974 - Do when did you first become part of the unemployment 1932 I was unemployed long before that but 1932 was the first time I came in contact with the organized unemployed ✓ I feel as something about the slave camps the food the conditions the work you were expected to do ~~the factory~~

✓ Do Mae Cawley McCrath or who ever it was well a lot of the items were left over from the last world war the clothes - well the coats were stamped 1914-1915 and the Mackinac jackets were manufactured by some of the clothing and slacks the underswear

T How about the work that you were expected to do what kind of work and what kind of money

D Well the work of you was forest energy to do it was it depended on the foreman if he could get work out of you, some few men were capable of getting work out of you if you organized at all we were able to sleep on the work - well we didn't sweat very hard not in British Columbia

T What was the amount of money you were given

D 25 was 20 or a day

T Yes I understand you weren't too happy with those camps what was your plans of attack

D Well we couldn't be too happy

1) Here we are we are all together - all you
have an idea of getting ahead and you
had no alternative no future nothing
to look forward to - hand out ball and
you could eat and pretty soon the food
got mediocre you started organizing
against the food against everything
else sales fact in with everything

2) What avenues did you see in your
disabilities/ action to try and get changes
3) Well we tried to get changes and in
some cases slight changes such things
as the relation of two blankets in some of
these colder locations you would need 3 or 4
and sometimes we would get them to
build another bank because from overcrowding
and there was all kinds of avenues of

1) Organizing - The work was always a mixture because the food was always medicine or our ultimate weapon was walk out and this would cause panic in the whole neighborhood, calling the police called the authorities calling everybody even bringing people from Ottawa and this always brought things to a climax - sometimes there was a settlement and sometimes the education was brought up by the police some were arrested - they got's reports you - you were young they would get you a lecture about how things were the remedy this and that and you would go back to camp in mass cases believing them but the same situation prevailed

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I stand about the black list how did
that come about how were so many
men sent to navy reserves

D Well I need to have - most of us
had five men in the camps were
realtised in such a way that
materially after organizing a camp
and working out, you would be
bankrupt you would be hungry
one way of getting food again was
getting into a camp as a last
resort you would go and ask to
get back into a relief camp you
couldn't get under your own name
so you had to go under an assumed
name communications would be advanced
in those days like they are now

I gather your organization in these days
became stronger in the camps and you
began to make plans of some other
of change would you like to feel as
little bit about that your strikes and
your moving into town

D I think that was in Dec. strikes that
was prior to the strikes when we all
worked out in Dec. Dec. strike we
talked it I think we found our
demands were a little narrow at the
time we were demanding the right to
vote and numerous other things like
better food and stuff like that. Other
that about the time they started to
change more on the political side
on a mass scale, for being it out

D to the public

I There were a great number of you who allowed to vote you certainly had to inform the public to get them to vote and when the good if you didn't have the vote is that regret

D Yes but I don't know how many people knew the way things were the vote didn't seem to be a very important thing although it was an important cause the young people like us a vote didn't seem to be that I suppose most cities were - had lost their franchises any way they learned we independent we had no change to vote or the people who would vote to help us weren't capable of voting you had to be people

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D owners and things of this nature

D And when the unemployed from the camp
began come to be involved with organization
such as ^{Trade} Unions On starting of the
Charter's Society League and the Relief
Camp Workers Union

D We became more conscious on started
to organize into unions, was the fact
that the communist party rent into
two the unions communist party organ-
ized might so well tell them that
Communist party organizers and ^{these} people
were a form of education to us we
learned every thing we learned about
organization in relief camps from ex
1 W.D. U. organizers O B U organizers
Communist party organizers and Trade

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D union organizers found Britton from
Hermans you name it they come
from every where some of them were
really good at their trade as proof of
enter an

A fine you finally got to learn in your
members can you tell me something
about your dec strike after that the
one in April.

D Well the Dec strike - conditions had become
so bad and there was no way organizing
and bringing one camp out at a time
The only way to make the workers -
draws attention to our plight was to move
out of the camps in Dec we were
too successful we must have brought
in 12 or 14 hundred may be we

D could have had 3000 in the city coming

and going and it was quite a wonderful
organization we kept learning a lot at
the time - this time the committee who
was made up I think at that time
Arthur Evans, Malcolm Bruce and
three or four more commenced per-
sueing at that time - they kind of
threatened us by telling us we
would have to organize better and go
back to the camps and come out to
really draw attention to this situation
and after they explained it to us and
told us why it was necessary and after
being in town for about a month maybe
longer than that we decided back to
the camps to organize and then a

1) Lot of us had knowledge how to organize - we went back to organize for a larger strike we had no rat date of this description we just went back to build the organization this was the main point - what the object was we were not sure I myself went to Agnew's camp and they had enamel'd dishes and we were buying no organizers as well. Beside to organize with - we found the enamel dishes were the least situation cheap enamel'd dishes - we even had one wanted who had purchased some so all the dishes went in the ocean we had nothing to eat at in Squamish we had cups and mugs ^{Photo of Pans} and plates in the ocean and this is what they

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D went up the Provincial gun boat
This was before the the DND took it over
Anyway the Provincial Police came up with
the gun boat - And when they came up
they started blasting all over the place
mothering to eat off and a cheap name
"Moresity" the Government up there, he was
also a so called socialist and he was
trying to organize and opposition group
there - he wasn't too successful - anyway
the Provincial Police came up with the
gun boat

2 Did they see their guns or was it
just a mouthy sign?

1) They had lots of guns but they didn't see
the machine guns on the boat right
forward on the gun boat

D We were scared I wouldn't like it but
them not seeing them

A Q. T. wondered how been the forest ten a
boat had been used against ships in
B. C. in my recollection of history

D Well we were a letter sometimes we went
back in the back and started building
wood piles - as a last stand - we went
without food for quite a spell I think
things were kind of half ~~the~~ killed and
they promised a few things and sent
us to Van and one thing and another

This camp broke up any way we went
to Van and had to get Messengers that
with different names again and out to
other camps this is how it was
going all over B. C.

I You were also sending delegations to see
 Patella you were trying to make some
 kind of arrangements for work and wages
 you also were going to see the Mayor
 of Vanu here to try and get work wages
 relief for black-throated men - you finally
 all got organized and came out in a
 strike in the early part of 35

D We came out in 1935 unmarc and in
 my estimation it was the best organized
 I have ever seen in my life organized
 organization I've ever seen.

T Could you tell me something about
 the description of the men - we will
 be writing later on about the small
 parcels the parcels which I had seen
 Shelton Bay & Salome would you

Tell me how the men reacted - what their discipline was and were they quite aware of their situation.

D) Oh they were well aware of their actual they could see the hopelessness our backs were to the wall - there were very few dissenters they / moved in the struggle on also this was the whole thing - and as far as the organization went it was the tightest organization I have ever seen) every body knew every body we were all organized into groups - group captain and as my right up every body knew as every body knew their ~~group~~ group So there wasn't much chance of loose

Persons and REVD Protestation prior to the one to Ottawa Bill - The

D organization was cleaned up most everything that we know in the way of ppl ppl and about regions - We had organized groups groups captains American captains from top to bottom and every body knew every body and it was share and share alike it was a matter of keeping clean and keeping organized if a meeting was to be called at 5 o'clock we showed up and you didn't show up your group captain knew about it - you were dealt with whatever way they had to deal with you

D You needed money to survive in this city you had trouble getting relief what were some of the things that you did

D Well as you know in 1935 there weren't

1) much money floating around if you

had 5[¢] you could get a cup of coffee and 2 donuts if you had 15[¢] you could get down to one of the lower class cafes for 15[¢] you could get a stack of hot cakes a cup of coffee and a bowl of porridge

We had a meeting and decided to have a lay day voluntarily it was wholly illegally not allowed still course the lay day still off illegally and we had a real comparison get out with those cars we had a head

quarters then at the Orange Hill Yes all the orange had and the clinics were busy people going up and

down there we had tin cans, some money we collected \$1180 - (\$5000) and it cost the men to carry it cause

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D It was all in melted pennies and dimes
the police even came to escort it to the
bank - it was \$1100 (not yet figured 5000). It
was an awful lot of money and this
helped feed me for 3 or 4 days along
with sympathetic citizens

I You did have the sympathy of the citizens
D Well the tag day wouldn't have been - we
had a real campaigner for Penn
Berthou was the campaigner he was
shorter's out get out get out get them
some money and we finally ended
up with a Day 1100 (5000) and some

odd dollars it was an unbank of some
we don't think there was that much
money in Penn. and we were pleased
with ourselves we had achieved this

D and it had us for 3 or 4 days

I Ware you in Van when our infamous
Major read the riot act

D Yes Mister we were having our meeting
at the conclave and ~~then~~ George Black
had spoken and I think Malcolm M'Leod
had spoken and they asked if any of
us wanted to speak and M'Leod came
out and read the riot act he had
the bible in one hand and some act
in the other hand and came out and

read the riot act and this kind of
electrified the crowd - I guess being
young it scared you a bit because
after reading the riot act - we
didn't realize the seriousness of it
until it was explained to us

1) after we were glad we had got together
in our groups and marched back to our
own head quarters our was the Armenian
hall on temple they had kindly let us
have it for our meetings - we marched
back there in very orderly fashion they
never had any opportunity to fight with
us or charge like that the police
were standing there some of them
were dressed as we could see (civilians had
been clubbed and hurt around town thru blocks
of the centopod) their uniforms and hats
were broken and torn and they were quite
anxious to get into the melee with us
but we fooled them we organized and
so long as we marched back in our
orderly fashion we fooled them

That will be very interesting when we get into our so called Regime Riot in Vancouver were well organized and kept away from them

The main thing all the time when we were organizing was to buy and keep and have the public with us and in many cases we used to have weeks and days when a lot of the mothers took boys home to feed them and this saved a lot of us from going hungry and a lot of these ladies couldn't buy more than a pound to feed their own families and they would still have 3 or 4 of us and paid no mind this was a big help

If well you were examples of Canada's youth that were boys that could have been

of theirs - that was the mothers council I think I can remember a few of the ladies on it unfortunately, not all their names they had a great part to play for the unemployed

1) The mothers council on the women's council in many cases they came to our support and 2 or 3 times when the Provincial Police were brought in they were confronted with they had to go head of all through a

barrel of these ladies before they could think about laughing with the unemployed when we were parading

and this kind of help was quite a bit and then during May the women organized a huge demonstration in Stanley Park the biggest

Demonstrations that was even in Van
 one here recently there was 14000 The
 biggest demonstration ever and May Day
 in 1935 had the biggest parade ever
 in the history of Van and the population
 was only a $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{3}$ that it is ~~now~~
 and it was reported that there was
 30000 it collected from the town
 square in (Stark Park) and there were
 8 and 00 deep all the way

N I'd like to add a point then I can
 remember that every child who had
 a father who was a brick mason
 left school and had to have an
 excuse for being absent and in the
 May Day parade

D And in the park this women committee

1) formed a huge heart picture of it
 which exists somewhere and after the party
 was over they took hundreds of us home
 to feed us again

2) Q: It sounds like you really had the
 purpose of the origins of U.S.

1) Yes and we were always being told
 why the leadership to act correctly and
 get the support citizens otherwise you'd
 cause us loss - you know this is how
 it used to be - there was no

hope gain in when you buy all
 those men in town there were no

there's no there's all those people
 in town not working and hungry
 and at the same time no increase in
 crime or any thing of that description

D The fact is if we weren't organized to have the know what would have gone on in Van.

J Very true we have of 10 or 20 who can upsize the city in these days - we got now to a point where a classroom is made that shows no way of dealing with Victorian no way of dealing with city hall space work and various questions and answered what is the next thing on your agenda

D Well organizing and building our organization and seeing every method at our disposal to get conditions to better our circumstances we don't come to a dead end but we had to change our whole method of organization and we had a big closed meeting at the theatre on main about the town council now and we went in.

1) There and the janitor who was a sympathizer informed us that the place was bugged and what ever you said it

2) Shades of Watergate

1) Any ways they still had something of that description boxed up to pick up as the meeting was closed no one was allowed in or out until the occasion was made. It was rather and electric open and it seemed like and impossible speech almost too quiet to even comprehend but the note was enormous any way

2) What was the note to do

1) March and Ottawa if they want to stay so peacefully civility federally

- D We will take our cause right to Ottawa
right to the ear of gov't to Bennett himself.
- N How many men are we talking about ~~the~~
- D Well 2 1/2 - 3 thousand at the meeting
- N And transportation Apr 2 1/2 3 thousand
people is going to be what
- D Well this wasn't even discussed we
never thought about the transportation
well as to transportation we finally
realized that we were quite well
organized that we could take over the
train and go on through train and this
is exactly what we did there was
nobody hurt and as I say everybody
was organized in groups and groups
captains deacons captains and we were
as well organized there was no

Orange, Grotesquer, Hilton
(Part II continued)

1) accidents if the train enginemen want
sympathetic—to pull away with out as
his pin was pulled and he went off with
his engine alone

2) I said you tell me how do you ride
on a box car I've never done it

3) In some cases you have to be quite
athletic sometimes is tough it depends if
the police are around it the police aren't
there your good client or if the police are
around you have to go outside the
yard and make a swimming clock for
it

4) What was your best stop on the West Coast
and when were you received there

5) Ram loops well things about location
well organized yet we had trouble

D getting enough to eat but I think we
 sent a delegation up to city council I forget
 how far we got with it and somewhere along
 the line we got money food and got feed
 reorganized our food committee before the
 next stop but it wasn't successful at
 Kamloops

F How about Holden I think that was your
 next stop

D Well Holden we really got real good
 treatment there all the people were
 out to meet us and farmers bringing
 butchered cattle also the vegetables
 and food and bringing things over from
 the cafe and things of this nature we
 did quite well the people were very
 helpful they gave us a chance to eat

1) wash up clean up shave hair cuts
and we weren't in there too long we
left on the next train

2) and what was your next stop

1) Well we all climbed back on the freight
got on top of the box cars and we had
three long tunnels we had two on
which left us all smothered and ~~stuffed~~
unless and before we went through

the tunnels we even had RAMP come
and check and look around what these
purposes was they weren't too intricate
in our safety but they looked so
over before we went through these tunnels

between the smother and smother and
the ~~check~~ and the smother it was quite

1) a trip as we made it anyway. There was
no way of getting ^{down} ^{side} of the road we
had to put up with it we were quite
dirty when we got out the other side.
I and where did you stop next.

1) From Calgary we landed outside of Calgary
and marched in it was quite a long march
into the town up to the main street and
we were met by the a few of the citizens
there and a delegation was elected
to see the authorities right away for
food and tickets for meals and some
of the local people got together with the
committee and after a lot of deliberation
around they were successful in getting
there I think one meal was
plenty ~~too~~ much though there

1) Was had to eat in relays

2) Had your formed up any man by the time you reached Calgary

3) A few but not too many up to this time we had about 4 divisions about 1200 or so about 2000 when we got there (Regina) they were kind of scattered

4) and your left Calgary and what was your next stop

5) Moses had was another place

where they seemed to be well prepared for us coming and the local religiosity and

the authorities also had the more tickets ready when we got there and the divisions all lined up when we got there one two three four.

The cups of course couldnt feed us all

D. We took a good house meal. Little was served on us were good and looked after. It was all there in an orderly fashion and that was all but - we weren't treated too badly there but the waitresses were getting nice to us and had meal tickets ready for us ahead of time to show a lot of movement - We came into Regina, it was quite a long walk into town and it seemed that a lot of the local citizens - a lot of the C.C.F. youth and socialist youth and what have you - youth anyway and working people came and joined in with us and as we came into Regina photographers of course and news paper reporters and what have you

D and we moved into the fair grounds and
moved to the skeleton grounds and
started making preparations for staying
overnight as for staying for many nights
it was going to be necessary which
meant clean water and cement floors
and as soon after it was all over we did
get it quite comfortable and did our
regular duty of pulling out our own guards
to see there were no enterlopers, stole
pegs on characters around and then we
started organizing our meals in Regine. I
forgot to tell you as we marched up the
town that one place there was mass
support for us the youth and the
unemployed people were out in the
streets I would say in the thousands

D They were marching and parading and they
 even made up a song to the tune of
 the massiller (3). Welcome the BC members
 and so on they had done all this

2 It was the kind of support you had had
~~practically~~ ^{practically} fully in Van.

3 Yes the people were very good and of course
 for the next few days we called down in
 the fair grounds and we had our meetings
 and about committee meetings strategy committee
 meetings and what our future was going
 to be still our demand was on to

Sharon Gots and wages like some things
 no end - Any way we got to Regina the
 authorities promised to send us two
 emissaries from Bennett's got Maurice &
 Dick and they came and were going

1) to meet the committee. Mention a blis
and we met them in the - any way
Mention a blis discussed the situation
and my party made arrangements to pay
ours delegation to go to Ottawa - of
course this cost quite a while it doesn't
happen over night there was a lot
of organizing being done and Arthur
Brown was on way out in the country
while speaking to the farmers in small
towns and in the meantime he
had to make himself the police
chief for 3 or 4 towns to give them to
show them - the farmers wanted to
hear in the car and all kinds of
movements; they had to wear dresses
ways to being them back into town

2) What's how bad it was

3) Tell me how did the Brothers feel about a delegation only going to Ottawa.

1) Well I think they all wanted to go to Ottawa what was the whole idea; but this at the time was a mystery this was what we were demanding up to now nobody had negotiated with us. Morrison & Klein came but they were only emissaries and then when the fact that Carter brought up to us - we had heard regarding all this time for an audience with the Federal govt and here we're spot it this is a mystery take advantage exploit and do all we can means never mind the says. They may see nothing advantage of us there maybe

I going to bring broops in all maybe going to do this chat and the other thing but we've had a victory - the people in Canada have had a victory and were sending this delegation and were voted on it and were going to send this delegation to Ottawa to see Bennett and our three demands before him - and this was recognized as one of the biggest victories this was the first time we had been recognized by any part

I and Doc you were one of the delegation the others were

I Pete Nielsen Paddy Grace Walsh, Mike Mac Cauley, Martin Brithen (one missing)

I you and Bennett tell me about it

I Well in the first place we were brought

I'm too lame Mr Bennett and a chap
from the gang as unbeknownst he came from
a chap by the name of Sir George Forbes
he was helped into his chair by both arms
he was about 99 years old and they helped
him in the chair - Bennett sat there
looking like a big fat bull frog and we
didn't get a chance to present our
demands before he seeing all kinds
of abuse of Arthur Evans which
was quite well answered back for
instance he accused Evans of being
a jail bird and stealing from the
union and numerous other things
and we never did get a chance to
relinquish please out case in the
section it should have been presented

~~It~~ Do you think RB really wanted to
leave your case

1) He claimed that the houses we were
leaving in were as good as the average
Canadian home, the food we were eating
was better than the average Canadian home
the clothes we were wearing was better than
the average Canadian home and this is
all we got from him and course
Britten said - on the occasion of him
saying Britten was a thorn in - Britten
and you) or his - and one thing
led to another as a matter of
fact he said you not get to
speak a tentative message and he
called him a less well's forest
and we never did get down to

D Presenting a paper) interviewed with
 Bennett on with the guest - As a matter
 of fact the press didn't give us very
 much of an interview regarding the
 situation - We met some of the members
 of Parliament the O.C.E. who were
 mostly ignored Woodsworth - Young
 Woodsworth and Mr Dimes and as and
 they were more or less ignored - They
 were giving us no support so we didn't
 see any reason to talk to them at
 least further about so we just
 followed him and did the same as
 he did and ignored them. Couldn't
 shake hands with them have any
 part of them.

T Sounds like a real tale leading up to

It might could have been an answer to your problems'.

D Partly we thought so - but this was actually they were seeing us as a response while we were going into Ottawa on the train we passed a train load of RCMP going the other way. It had goes to show how sincere they were; they hadn't even heard us yet and they were shipping extra RCMP to Regina

DJ: Do you feel then that it really was a force

D Yes it was a force - at the time we figured that this was a real one our ultimate object is to get to the federal gov and have a hearing when we want this we couldn't very

1) we'll ignore it and have the public
against us so we had to go through
with it - in the meantime we did
see REP Baines going the other way
and all the whistle stops along the
way the people were out to meet us
somehow they knew we were on the Train
and they were out to meet us - you
could never count upon reporters
they were so numerous. we couldn't
count them

2) Well I guess in those years there were
very few people who had too much
recently they realized they could be
the next unemployed

3) What's such a the next unemployed that
about the size of it - and different

1) Delegates would come aboard the Train
 as we went along to Ottawa to speak
 to us not many of them were progressive
 organizations - the progressive ones were kept
 off - We had a group of Ladies come
 aboard I forgot the name of the town
 Arthur didn't want to speak to them he
 knew what they were so he blasted
 anything - I'll meet you in the
 jungles hence I'll meet you over
 there don't tell me that the workers
 are any where but there
 N Who were these Ladies

2) Ladies out from something - apparently
 they were up to no good ~~and~~ Arthur
^{wasn't there} bang them out in a loud cheerful
 voice so the Ladies never got their

D Interview

D My father sounds a little bit like a
bad boy. Delegation nowhere

D Back to Regina we had to come back
and make a report what we have
seen what we had heard everything
and the papers of course had banners
headlines and some places they called
us Red's you know - We made

the reports to the workers and then
the thing was the next plan of action

If we were going on to Ottawa (Grand
Theatre on market) - We were warned not
to form various people but we were

quite explicit as a group to go and
Ottawa but that wasn't to be. A

May all as later we were given

D free tickets to the baseball game in
 the evening and we were just walking
 around town as any other ordinary
 citizens and going to the Market square
 to a meeting in which Arthur Brown
 was speaking ^{appearing for} ~~open~~ ^{for} ~~open~~ to keep
 the strike on its surmise - meals
 were being served off them - a bunch
 of us went to the meeting - we rode
 all along the side of the road the
 big boys moving vans are even used
 they don't belong there - they would have
 been brought up from the states or
 somewhere I've never seen moving vans
 that big and these apparently were
 loaded with RCMP whether there
 were horses in there I don't know

1) There were RCMP in there and night across from Market square a few had and while

The meeting is going on Benham Cross has about spoken and Summers was just getting up to ~~speech~~ ^{speech} for pencils from the citizens and the show opened and all we saw was hundreds of ~~police~~ ^{police} Regina city police; extras at the police trail way police and all the extra police with white teenagers looking towards us and RCMP firing tear gas and from there on we tried to go groups and get back to the school from where we were staying but they would have no part of that the police were appointed through the city

1) beating up on the strikers - because I should say beating them up and shooting and things of this description - the thing was pre arranged as we noticed later - stores that had anything in of any value were all cleaned out (by owners) and there was 80 to 100 horses there and all the extra railroad police were brought in and all the hoodlums from somewhere there was a lot of them - But we were able to catch few of ^{them} there was to organize and ~~hold~~ all the police back hold them off - there wasn't too many of us but had we realized a lot of us would have been hurt had we held the police off until just late in the evening and of course

1) The next day the aftermath was more about
 Ben three killed (3) to

2) There was a deliberate attempt to kill
 9 miles

3) Well as they say if you look for the guilty
 Party look to ~~the~~ ^{the} RCMP. and then they are
 what the guilty parties. they were the only
 ones with the Thompsons and the man had

a silver plate in his head in the
 general place this is how it is. The
 Police man who was killed he did

Resemble Arthur Conan quite well
 She had a brown's suit and also the
 very same as a matter of fact

4) Well like my father
 5) Yes quite

6) Would you like to me what that accomplish

1) Well the Bell accomplished the defeat of the Bennett govt brought in a Liberal govt with a few reforms mild reforms ~~for~~ ~~time~~ such as putting the camp workers

2) This is an interview of Sam Anderson done by Doc SAVAGE AND PERRY HINTON.

by Gene Skille Aug 15 / 1974 Mr Anderson would you like to tell me when you first became involved with the unemployed

S. About 1933 in the Blainmore strike we jumped off a freight train the freight didn't stop and we were going there

so we jumped off at the platform and the boys there was the mountain and they say were all you going and

we said we just stopped here to get something to eat and he says do you know there's a white on here

So and we said no we don't know anything
about it - so he let us through and
then we met the postet line after that
so we told them we come up from
Loronto so they took us into the kitchen
and we were in there for about 2 weeks

Johnny Murphy was organising all that
time and the Klu Klux Klan and all
that other stuff they were supposed to
be shooting from the hills so we
played in there about two weeks and
we got on the freight the outside was
steel and heeled for land and
then after that it was relay camps

I think I hit Aldersboro Doc Savage was
in there and we had two or three
strikes in Aldersboro at that time

5 We drove into town and then we hit
out to 2 or 3 more camps and we
was unlike all the time found them
in - we and out all the time I check
it was \$5 a month then

N were you one of those who went on to
Ottawa -

5. Yes I was one I went on to Ottawa

We went from the old theatre that used
to be on Hartung Street and we all
took off from the freight that night

We went into Calgary and this is where
we went for Arthur then and we had
a big parade in Calgary and to Regina
I was there when the bus started that
night on the square I got wounded
at the square

5. The trucks they were running all
over the place

4 Do you remember how it started

3 The only thing I remember is the
oplane there was the police there

It was all confusion and everybody
running around the army was there
with machine guns on roofs - The

confusion was nobody knew what was
going on - I was shot in the head

that night and when I went into

the hospital there was about a
dozen other ones in there all wounded

all the same time Roy Red (Clarkson)

he was in - Bob (Blange (real name)) Scotty

Dyons there was a whole bunch in

there and they had machine guns

5 and everything else - when we got out about 2 weeks later they were all in town here (Van) they paid our way right into Van

7 Do you remember if any were arrested that night

8 I ~~forgot~~ figure there was about 150 in the car

9 What were the charges

5 There were all different charges shootings and they tried to get 2013 for the murder of the postmen

and they departed a bench - they departed 2013 England I was one up for deportation too I was one of the lucky ones I know they reported as late as of the Regina

S at that time

J what else -

S When I got in this hospital this undertaker he was talking to some fellow in there and he said there's some on the slab - they were supposed to be dead - he said there was a head on the neck of the list - I don't know any more just what he said

J Would it have been possible for ~~them~~ to have been killed and no one knew?
S Yes.

J How did you thought the Police were confused

S I think the Regina Police didn't want anything to do with it at all

Saw Qi was the RCMP that did it the
city police that Q said didn't know
what it was about it was out of
their control as far as Q is concerned
I think it was the RCMP and the army.
I was talked about machine guns on the
roof -

Saw there were machine guns on the hospital
roof and the coliseum I know there
was machine guns all around there
Rory How many were in jail we should
tell you - they were charged with
murders

Sam We were just charged with murders I
don't know what it was all about

Doe - Sent section 98 - section 98 covered
a lot of territory - Madin - they

Doe - The ambulances they were going
picking up the RCMP and they struck
Wesley on the running board he was a
fund aid man and another chap and
made them come and well our fellows
up

I you said something that went on tape
you'd Doe about taking Sam and others to
the hospital would you tell me the
reaction you got from the men and the
Doctors.

Doc Well I saw Sam get shot I didn't
know Sam had had it was there was
blood on his head running in
his eyes he was still on his feet
and two of us grabbed him and
brought him to the Doctors office

Doc - the doc was hostile and he wouldn't let us in and I kicked the door in and there was three or four more laying in the door way and they weren't even attending to them hardly they were very hostile - any way we did get Sam to the hospital later and

I I have heard in the transcripts that they were shooting with bullets.

Sam There were no bricks there.

Doc Q If they were shooting with bullets Qd like to know how your would chip of cement off the building?

Renny - There were some of the sticks and at your don't have to worry

Perry - about them there blanks and one of
the guys said well the one that hit
me went.

Doc They were real bullets on Seary about
the buildings are marked with bullets
around with a number of machine
gun bullets

Sam - We had some phones in the outfit.

Doc - That's why we had groups to watch
them

J Were there any RCAF that you know of.

Doc - Well they joined in Regina

Sam - We were aware of quite a few of them

Perry I remember you had saying one

time - well there was so what, as
long as there with you and your crew
what they are why put them out and

Perry - Have some more come in - you can
keep track of them if you know who
they are

Sam - Where some of them your trying to
interview you wont get any there, out
of them - no interviews

Heavens Now I have interviewed jail cells
that category Sam.

Perry - It happened with the Abilene committee
we wanted to make some deal for the
men while the delegation went to Ottawa
Hardness and the Attorney General Davis

He told ~~Butler~~ ^{Butler} ~~not~~ he said we could make
any arrangements its strictly with
Ottawa and it was rather tight

Then before the visit - if you dont
give us food and you allow this to

Perry - happens Sasik is going to be held
responsible for what ever the police
create. because they are not supposed
to mount up any kind of police for
my N wal to look at us and should
did not he could do nothing
about it till it happened - and ~~the~~
you had in the one who told them
we they will make a stand with on
the sheets and you do anything
about it - Perhaps we will have
to do something about it but until
it does happen we can do anything
about it - it belongs to OT team
you - There must have been tension felt
at any time the RCMP were going to
cause an incident -

Perry - We were always trying to avoid getting
 into any clash with the police or with
 the unions all our idea was to get to
 Ottawa - and then they came with this
 Phoney idea these two members of parliament
 when they landed there both these
 members of parliament were holding
 Brent. They didn't know what they
 were talking about they didn't care
 We had all our people pretty near
 downtown and we had to get fast
 we couldn't keep men day to day with
 it or we decided we would give the gov
 the chance to settle it if possible - but
 not even and the strategy committee
 knew it was going to be settled
 that way, we knew they were getting

Perry - the police in to stop us - but we have
 to take the chance and seeing what we can
 get from Ottawa - what were we there for
 to stop action? Or also to get work
 and wages 50¢ an hour to work
 now like a long way to us now
 but it would have been a good thing
 if that time to get 50¢ wages
 Jean ^{Perry} White was your position in the trial
 Perry - I was on the food committee - but
 will take Niltons word if he says
 there 2500 took his word
 Jan - break down discipline

Doe - there were provocateurs in there you
 know; this was a good way to control
 them - if you knew there was some one
 in your group that would stand up to

Doc - remember - - - there was 12 to a group
there was 300 to a division

Perry - We had 5 divisions right from the
start of the belt - we had we had
5 levels and 5 divisions

from the group explain 'ot was what?'
Perry - The strategy was for those - inlets
of waiting for the police to - it was
built up in the old countries and
the knowledge of what had happen
here in Canada before the police with
people were battered down at

Starna and those places like Starna
where police and the navy came in
and battered down people killed them
Starna - that we weren't going to
there things happened then in Vancouver

Perry - it was going to be organized so that groups could go out in different areas or the police could ~~take~~ center down here in one local spot; because its very easy for the police in army or anyone else to knock down an army if you haven't got arms you haven't weapons and they come in with arms and horses and things like that - you don't stand there and get clubbed down you've got to have some strategy - that was the strategy committee came in We had to have that committee made up and give all the decisions the idea of realternity into small groups and coming back again into the center whenever it was required and our flying squad

Perry they were supposed to get to all the
groups and tell them where we were
supposed to enter it might be at
Spencers it might be at Woodwards
Jans - did you support other strikers

Perry - some ~~threat~~ only on picket lines no
it was handled I don't know

Jans - How many of you have condemned priests
since the Bell 40 years ago.

Perry I don't think there's one who
could ever speak against me and
there certainly isn't one I could speak
against them and it's lasted hun-
dred years

Doc - On this strike business Jans when
we were in town we went out to
the Boundary rd through weavers

Doc - we had 50 men over there - you
 were there Sam (Anderson) the police
 were there on horses - as we had
 lots of training for future things
 to come - also explain that is

John - you also predicted James to stop
 people being excited did any of you
 take part in this

Perry - I hate the fact Jim & I never met
 Arthur Evans to call to and have any
 ideas - the camps there was very little
 organization at that time Jim talking
 about 1930 (?) I met him while predicting
 an unemployment here, I got a pretty good
 base of what all was like. I liked him
 100%

Sam - We all liked him

Doc - Well another method we had as far as racketing went when people were being deposited you were there Sammy on this occasion we went out to Arthur Evans house at the time he was in jail he had been out in jail 4 weeks I was 18 months he was sentenced to - the reason he was the mortgage to promise to hold I cut back time on the same out of jail and we were racketing there for weeks in and went out and all one time there was 300 police - the mortgage wasn't that much but there was 300 police it came to a final - 300 police some on horses some in cars motorcycles you name it - 6 of us were arrested

Dad - this day and taken no one would believe
it these days and taken in on a about
car. and this is how they brought us
into the jail

Perry - another time with your Dad all of
us here remembers what when we
were having the big top day and
every time we brought the cars up
Here Arthur Evans standing up on the
hall come bring your museum gold in
and who was standing yesterday the
friends the city police. Art said that
bottle about them your bring in your
museum gold

Sam - I was with him in the funeral at the
in Dallas we were in there with
him this was when the people knew

Sam was on - O'Sullivan me a flygram was
in for something, we were getting
meat twice a day in that place
after the strike we got things bumping
in Durrallen - we had every body with us
in them days - sure enough we got
the food after that strike we was in
about 3 months after that let the
got out - but he was a man who
had a powerful abusing card Sam
telling you when he put his mind
to any thing it went through then
was no stopping him -

Doc - He was a Campaigner

Sam - My mother used to call Sam ballhead
Sam would that description fit him

why she had every one in that place

Sam - He had them solid right behind the
the same in Rejoice

Doc - Working with enthusiasm

Sam - Working with enthusiasm - I don't
know what kind of a magnet
he had - but we had ~~given~~
and he was a man to get them on
he got them too - there was no
doubt about that - He fought for
the workers there no doubt about
that

Perry - went at the time at the old city
hall that Wrench was up on front
of the door and trying to direct
us and Evans said to get the
blows out of there, he (Wrench) was
going to create a riot

Sara - She (usmed) paid the whole work
 in confusion Wrench at that time -
 Well that's when he just dropped
 and went right into police's - away
 he went and he never went no where
 after that for the working class

Perry - She tried to bring in the CCC
 women at that time to form in
 front of our banks) - we were quite
 capable of - Div I H III IV V were
 quite capable of starting up the

Selection - but we didn't want
 women in front of us if Mr. Green
 was going to sail down with his
 Police - the mountain police what did

They call that - Scandinavians it
 what need to come down climbing the

Perry - women and Riels and the babies
and the whole works

Sam - Yes. That's right

Jan - Yes I understand that during the
war Scanlon was some kind of private
Police in Broad Street

Doe - Still right.

Jan - Yes some one was charged to tell
me that when one of the ship owners
was here and went up to the bosses
and said it that man always
challenged me about work.

Doe - Yes still

Jan and I understand she was removed
Doe - They put him on.

Perry and my time that Scanlon and
his outfit they were all as look

Perry - up either with hoops or boogie, he
 because he could never sit on the house
 and slide into the people the way he did
 without being kapped up

Jan - He sounds like a real racist

Perry - I never ran into - not even in
 Spain or wasn't racist or that
 guy was.

Sam - ~~He~~ was a bad one
 Jan - He was around a good bit during
 the reemployment struggle

Perry - All the time in fact Chief Foster
 stopped him from creating the work
 when Jerry read the next act - Chief

Foster walked up to where he was and
 the house and told him to keep back
 He didn't want no shit and that was

Perry - right at the Province building - he got Scanlon questioned down - but he was still ready to ride into them - and the deacons said well we will go back on our own routes and Foster said that's OKay carry on.

Jan - were there any strikes that day to your knowledge

Perry - They could have been but I didn't see any

Doc - I didn't see any - The one incident

I don't recall - That wasn't the same day but there was a confrontation outside of the old city hall the one day and

this one fellow was killed right there

if you remember Sam he was killed

right there and this nurse a first world

war nurse and she was working at

Joe - Shaungnessy and she saw them - they denied it and I didn't get in the paper. Course there were a lot of people with no names in those days that didn't mean anything in those days, just vanished off the streets in a hurry - because she said she attended to him, she wasn't the only witness there were numerous; and they hid so many the same as Regina so many killed but they say there were any bullets even, you can still find some if you go there - but we do know on that day there was a person killed - This nurse who was a nurse in the first world war she had no reason to lie about it cause she attended to him; and they put him in an ambulance some kid

of a van and took him out of there
just up from the old Holden building at
city hall

vry - Jerry was just as vicious as that cop
was the one on the horse Scanlon. - The
only thing he could order the other guys
to do it - he would have gladly jumped
in to club the kids down and the women
down - you see in these riots were over

it happens - and I've seen in in Australia
I've seen it in different parts of the world
the police never seem to come onto the
main body of the men, they always use
the clubbing on the women the kids and
the babies and they don't mind how
much they smack them up because
they figure then the men will cooperate

Perry - our group wasn't built that way

J. How does the policeman get that mental
has obviously working for a living - did
you never find any with sympathy

Perry - I don't know perhaps the other could
tell you that in Dallas I think the
was mentions that took their uniforms
off - I can't swear to that I was busy
on the food committee

Doe - I was in Regina there was a
members sheet off their uniforms and
their names were put up on the wall as
being whatever they call them

Perry - weren't they discharged

Doe - I don't know what happened

Perry - I think they were the same as a
they'd been thrown off

Sam - The Regina police force was the
 one it was the mountains it was the
 Regina police force that refused

Berry - The police force (Regina) nearly
 would've taken action

Doe - You must remember you had near
 a hundred and fifty National Police
 brought in from all over Canada

Sam - They reject

Doe - The black and vans - They
 nearly all were those days -

Doe - Those that refused they had their
 names on the wall I forget what
 they called them rather nasty epitaph
 stuck up on the walls

Berry - And another instance in Calgary
 when we got into Calgary they were

Berry - going to refuse us any extra at all
we had 2000 men or better rode these
freights were pretty hungry - the only
way we could get food, we tried talking
about going out tin canning and no that
wouldnt do - and there was a woman
who said well keep if you guys cant
eat theres a big bird in there; in that
office the major - had a pocket line
around him stay with it and see that
he goes hungry as long as you do - thats
what we did and we got the meal ticket
Doc - that was the best of the group system
you could just say no 1 group get out do
not and so with out calling out names
we had responsible group captains and he
could take them - Mons Jerry Costello
(Bobby

Doc - at the museum we said Tony lent
after the door - you didn't have to go and
see if he had done it - she was over
jealous and he did it

Perry - And she seen to it there was going
to be no damage to property on any thing
like that it was worth some where about
a million the caretaker in that building
when we came out she said there only
one thing missing and somebody perhaps
took it out to read a big book for reference
but that book was brought back about
a week later and as he told them there
has been nothing else or damaged
certainly the shelves were looking for
no trouble they never did, they tried
to avoid trouble in every way because

Perry - then you gain all the backing of the people - they proved that in Regina in Regina before the due - it was absolutely an out and out conservative town - the mountains well they were absolutely God be any thing better than God Himself - but after the mountains reached and beated up the esteros melting with snow and the group who had come from Ottawa - the mountains the conservative party almost went completely out of the door - the public showed them by the vote in the next election

~~There~~ - There one area we found covered when a man got black listed couldn't get relief what charges did they lay against you

Sam - Down as a red throats what - if you
got into so many camps and were known
as an agitator you were in what you call
the black list you are still in it now
no matter what comes on they have it
they can look back and get you on it.
you couldn't go no where you had to
take a different name to be able to live
in them days blacklisted out of all
the camps you just took another name
you - were the pale fellow with unemployed

By the way all the time and at that time
there was a whole bunch of miners
came out to do the hammering in the
praises I think it was in 33 or 34
and they was all shipped back
to go work back to Liverpool like Sam

Henry - Lurie as R B Bennett went back to Tell
them how much wheat we had in Canada
and Liverpool said you're getting no city
Key here travel on through because he
went back 1000 deportees back to Britain

My Henry that he couldn't handle
deportation - He had the Hungarians
the Poles the people from Europe as
revel of deportation that they don't
take action unless the Canadian
British Press English on Seats
Almonzo's them spots for them; even

then a lot of them was actual news
that were going to be deported and that
went on all through R B Bennett's time

Jan - W. L. Weaver did they were for deportation

Henry - Being well under Section 98 - we

Perry - didn't get rid of Section 98 until
after Regina - when RB Bennett went on
permission granted for use of this
material